GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PILFERAGE AND SABOTAGE OF CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCT PIPELINES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of losses suffered on account of pilferage and sabotage of crude oil and petroleum product pipelines each year during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases detected/found of pilferage, sabotage and damage to oil pipelines and the action taken against the offenders each year during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take more stringent and effective steps to ensure that the culprits are punished heavily for the crime by plugging the inadequacies in the existing law; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) The amount of losses suffered and number of cases detected / found of pilferage, sabotage and damage of crude oil & petroleum product in respect of Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) during last three years are as under:

Year	Amount of Losses	Cases Detected
2005	69,335 Ltrs.	41
2006	96,360 Ltrs.	42
2007	86,625 Ltrs.	40

In all these cases, First Information Reports (FIRs) were duly lodged with respective Police Stations and more than 169 people were arrested. In most of the cases the amount lost was recovered and the net losses were negligible.

(c) & (d) ONGC & OIL have taken various measures to curb incidences of thefts/ sabotage/ pilferages in co-ordination with respective State Governments. However, no proposal for amendment in the existing laws is under consideration.